

## SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) and on packet bulletin boards.

SARL news invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs to [sarlnews@hotmail.com](mailto:sarlnews@hotmail.com) not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both English and Afrikaans.

## SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we have to record the passing away of Johnny Neethling, ZS1GB, on Friday 19 July, after a long illness. He was 80 & was licensed just after World War 2. He was well known for his experimental & professional work with Radio & TV. Johnny was a mechanical, electronics, radio & TV Technician & was also involved in maintaining equipment in the first heart transplant in Grootte Schuur Hospital. He was one of the finest builders of radio controlled flying & sailing models as well as electronic & radio circuits. He also served on the council of the SARL many years ago. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Madeline, children, grand children & great grandchildren.

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In the news today:

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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Website or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

Now for the news in detail:

## INTECNET BACK ON THE AIR

The SARL Intecnet 2002 sponsored by Telkom and Sentech is back on the air. The first in the 2002 second series will be on the air on Sunday 18 August at 20:00 on 3215 KHz and on many repeaters around South Africa.

The topic for discussion will be lightning protection for the amateur station. The speaker will be Ron Block WB2UYT, Chairman of the Amateur Radio Station Grounding Forum at the Dayton Hamvention and a popular speaker at American Clubs. He recently authored a two part series on the subject in QST.

Clubs wishing to be connected to the interactive link and to carry the programme on their repeater are requested to send their details to [armi@sarl.org.za](mailto:armi@sarl.org.za). Hans, ZS6AKV, will be hosting the net. The following details are required: telephone number to connect to, name of contact person and his or her telephone number, and repeater frequency. For technical reasons no cell phones can be used for the connection.

## SARL HF CONTEST

The SARL phone contest will be held this coming Sunday 4 August between 15:00 and 18:00 SAST. The aim of the HF phone contest is for participants to contact as many amateurs in southern Africa as possible on the 20, 40 and 80m amateur bands. The following frequencies are recommended; 14,125 to 14,175 MHz, 7,040 to 7,080 MHz and 3,600 to 3,650 MHz. Participants can be either single or multiple operators. The exchange is RS(T) and a consecutive serial number starting with 001. Scoring is 1 point per contact, 2 points for area in each band and 2 points for contact with a station on all three bands. The areas are ZS1, ZS2, ZS3, ZS4, ZS5, ZS6 and Area 7 (eastern area); 3DA, 7P, 7Q, 9J, C9, Z2, ZS8 and Area 8 (western area) and A2, D2, V5, 2D9 and ZS7. Certificates will be awarded to the first three places and the highest single band score in the contest. There is also a trophy for the highest combined score in the phone and CW contests. Logsheets must be sent to "The Contest Committee, P O Box 48052, Hercules 0030."

## RAE CLASSES TO COMMENCE IN CAPE TOWN

The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre will be running a course for candidates wishing to write the Radio Amateur's Examination in October. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 19h00 to 21h00 starting this coming Tuesday, 30th July. Classes will take place at the CTARC clubhouse in the Round Table Community Centre, Chess Road, Rondebosch. The course is not for CTARC members only and members of other clubs are most welcome to attend. Candidates who would like to take part are invited to contact the course convener, Andrew ZS1AN at 083-462-8309 for further information or to email him at [zs1an@qsl.net](mailto:zs1an@qsl.net).

## NEXT RAE

The next RAE will be held on 17 October 2002. The closing date for registration

is 10 September 2002. The registration forms are available on the SARL website at [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za) or can be requested telephonically from the SARL office at 011 675 2393. The registration fee for the examination is R250,00. This amount includes the license fee for the current year and the costs of the certificate from OCASA.

#### MISSING YACHTSMAN

This is a request from Fred Meyer, ZS5FM. "Just a friendly reminder that I am still looking for my dad, Peter Thomas Bowman. He sailed solo from the Dubai Offshore Sailing Club on 13 September 2001 and was heading for Chagos, the name of his yacht is Andante. He has not been seen, his yacht hasn't been seen and no one has heard from him since. Please don't forget to keep your eyes and ears open. Many thanks"

This comes from Jacqui Flint who can be contacted at tel - (011) 282 8224, fax - (011) 282 1047 e-mail [Jacqui.Flint@rmb.co.za](mailto:Jacqui.Flint@rmb.co.za)

#### 'SAUCY' MESSAGE SAVES SNOW TRAPPED

An intrepid mountaineer used tomato sauce to write a message in the snow on Monday, setting up the dramatic rescue of 31 people trapped in the country's highest pub, a report said on Tuesday. Tod Collins trudged through waist-deep snow up the Sani Pass in the Drakensberg Mountains, the country's highest range, to the Sani Top pub, some 2 874 metres above sea level. Some 31 people, including a 16-month-old baby had been trapped in at the pub in "life-threatening" conditions by heavy snowfalls since Thursday night, The Star reported.

Collins and a tour-guide, Alan Champkins walked up the steep mountain pass in waist-deep snow with winds blowing up to 55 km/h and the temperature dropping to minus 30 degrees Celsius. "Perhaps the scariest thing was that the snow was so deep, you couldn't see where the track ended and the cliff began," he told the paper. Upon reaching Sani Top pub, Collins and the trapped tourists stamped down snow and he wrote a huge "H" in diluted tomato sauce on the white background. Shortly afterwards, a air force Oryx arrived called in by Collins by using a VHF-radio, plucking everybody to safety. "That tomato-sauce H was excellent," the helicopter's Lieutenant Steven Lownie said. "It was like DayGlo". Day-Glo is a substance used mainly by pilots when ditched in the sea and consists of a bright yellow, red, orange or green dye.

#### CLUB NEWS

##### THE WEST RAND AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The West Rand Amateur Radio Club elected the following new committee members at their AGM.

Chairman & Treasurer Dave Cloete ZR6AOC Vice Chairman & Events Simon Snyman ZR6SS Secretary John Friend ZS6FJ Member Phillip Van Tonder ZS6PVT Member Greg Jarrett ZR6JDD Member Craig Woods ZR6CRW

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Also join the SARL President's net which is on the air at noon on Sundays on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also a big word of thanks to those persons supply news for these bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone/EX